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SUBJECT: EC AND JAPAN

1. DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS IN HIS CAPACITY AS EC NINE
SPOKESMAN CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER OF
EA ON NOVEMBER 15 TO PRESENT EC BRIEFING PAPER TO BE USED

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BY DANISH AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO IN TALKS WITH GOJ. BARTELS

SAID PAPER HAD BEEN AGREED UPON DURING NOVEMBER 12-13 MEETING OF EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN COPENHAGEN. PAPER REPRESENTED RESULT OF NON-INSTITUTIONALIZED POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN NINE AND WAS BEING PRESENTED TO USG AS A COURTESY. BARTELS EXPLAINED THAT PAPER HAD PROBABLY BEEN TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH.

2. SNEIDER THANKED BARTELS AND SAID THE USG WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER POINTS RAISED IN PAPER. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF USG POSITION OF DESIRABILITY OF ASSOCIATING JAPAN WITH US-EC DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES IN SOME FORM, PAPER WAS DISAPPOINTING. SNEIDER REVIEWED USG VIEW THAT IT IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE JAPAN IN THE DECLARATION EXERCISE, GIVEN ITS MAJOR ROLE IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ARENAS.

3. BARTELS REVIEWED IN GENERAL EC PROBLEMS WITH JAPANESE ASSOCIATION, BUT POINTED OUT THAT PARA 4 OF PAPER HELD OPEN POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EC AND JAPAN. HE CONFIRMED THAT EC HAD NOT REPEAT NOT RULED OUT SOME FORM

OF ASSOCIATION WITH JAPAN. SNEIDER NOTED GOJ PREFERENCE, AS SET FORTH LAST WEEK, FOR TRIPARTITE DECLARATION RATHER THAN BILATERAL EC-JAPAN LINK.

4. SNEIDER CLOSED BY SAYING USG WOULD HAVE CLOSER READING ON JAPANESE VIEWS WHEN SECRETARY RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO THIS WEEK. WE WOULD THEN BE IN POSITION TO COMMENT FULLY ON EC PAPER.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BRIEFING PAPER: BEGIN TEXT:
BRIEF FOR THE AMBASSADOR OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NINE IN TOKYO:

THE NINE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH THE RECENT VISITS OF MR. TANAKA AND MR. OHIRA TO EUROPEFFORDED FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST. THEY FULLY RECOGNIZE JAPAN'S INTERESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHANGING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE NINE HAVE BEEN REFLECT
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ING ON THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE JAPANESE MINISTERS AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION.

AS THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT KNOW, THE NINE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PREPARING A DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BETWEEN THEM, AND THE US IS WORKING WITH ITS NATO ALLIES ON ANOTHER DECLARATION ON DEFENCE AND SECURITY ISSUES.

THE PROPOSAL TO HAVE TWO DECLARATIONS CAME FROM THE EUROPEAN SIDE AS A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE UNITED STATES INITIATIVE OF WHICH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EUROPEAN-AMERICAN DISCUSSIONS IS TO ELABORATE A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES SPECIFIC TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE USA AND TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WHICH THEY WISH TO MAINTAIN. THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF TRANSFERRING INTO THESE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MATTERS BEING DEALT WITH, IN COOPERATION WITH JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES, IN THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. (THE GATT, IMF, OECD ETC.)

AS THE COMMUNITY BEGINS INCREASINGLY TO ADOPT COMMON POSITIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY JAPAN MIGHT EQUALLY FIND IT OF INTEREST TO DEFINE HER RELATIONS WITH THE NINE COLLECTIVELY. IF SO, THE NINE WOULD BE GLAD TO RESPOND. THE DEFINITION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NINE AND JAPAN, IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNION AND OF SPECIFIC JAPANESE PREOCCUPATIONS, IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THEM BOTH AND WOULD NECESSARILY INVOLVE NEW AND FRUITFUL WORK AND COOPERATION.

IN THIS CONTEXT, THE NINE DO NOT SEE MUCH ADVANTAGE IN THE IDEA OF A MORE GENERAL DECLARATION TO WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NINE, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD SUBSCRIBE, AND HAVE SEVERAL SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO IT. TO BEGIN WITH, SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD DIMINISH THE IMPACT AND DETRACT FROM THE SPECIFIC CHARACTER OF THEIR BILATERAL DECLARATIONS, AND IT MIGHT BE SEEN BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS AN ATTEMPT BY A RICH MAN'S CLUB TO SETTLE QUESTIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT SUCH A TEXT COULD ADD TO THE DOCUMENT.

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